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Support to the International Tribunal/InvestigationsStatus of Tribunal

- Now that the UN has formally established a Rwanda Tribunal, the international community is working to make the Tribunal operational.
- Although the Rwandan Government formally opposed the Tribunal in the Security Council, it is critical that the GOR cooperate with Tribunal investigations on the ground. Justice Goldstone is seeking a meeting with the Rwandan Government to discuss remaining issues and to secure their cooperation with investigations. (For your background only, Goldstone he has written a letter to the Secretary-General asking for a meeting with the GOR in Tunisia hosted by the Tunisian Government as mediators.)
- Based on informal consultations the Embassy has had with Justice Minister Nkubito and Interior Minister Sendashonga, we are hopeful that the Rwandan Government will cooperate with investigations since prosecution of the perpetrators is in its own interest.

Operational Support

- The UN is currently conducting a site survey to find office space in Kigali and Nairobi for the Prosecutor's Office. It plans to send out a second team to find space for the permanent seat of the Tribunal (why the two needs could not have been consolidated in the same visit is unclear). Once these surveys have been completed and the formal seat selected by the UN, the UN will then begin the judge selection process. The judges would thus not begin until

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- The USG is trying to raise funding for a voluntary contribution to support the Tribunal beyond our assessed contribution. We will send soon a letter to Congress notifying it its intention to reprogram \$500,000 from IO for the Tribunal. We are also working with AF and AID to obtain \$500,000 from AF ESF funds. Additional funding is being sought within the USG.
- The money would be used to help set-up the Kigali Office of the Prosecutor and defray other investigation expenses. Voluntary contributions will be particularly important to jump-start the Tribunal before a formal budget is adopted.

### USG Assistance

- We have asked DOD/JCS, DOJ and FBI to make a total of 18 persons available for a one year detail to the Tribunal, starting no later than the end of the year. We have not yet heard any response. We are currently considering whether State personnel would be useful.
- The USG recently delivered its report of its investigative trip to the Commission of Experts, who will make it available to the Chief Prosecutor.
- A scheduled USG assessment trip to Rwanda was delayed by Justice Goldstone until the UN survey of sites is completed. Goldstone is, however, still eager for USG assistance.

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TALKING POINTS

- Now that the UNSC has established a Rwanda Tribunal, it is critical that the international community move quickly to make the Tribunal operational.
- Prompt prosecution of the perpetrators is critical to peace, stability and reconciliation in the region.
- Concrete support from all of our governments is imperative to move investigations forward, particularly at this early stage before a UN budget is adopted. The Prosecutor's Office will need a fully equipped and secure office, vehicles, security and other items before investigations can proceed. Support for Judges Chambers and the Registry may also be needed.
- Through voluntary contributions to support the Tribunal, your governments can play an important role in ensuring that the perpetrators of atrocities are brought to justice.
- The USG is currently raising money to support the Tribunal. We made a significant cash contribution to support the Yugoslav Tribunal and would like to make a generous contribution for Rwanda. We are also planning to detail prosecutors and investigators to the Tribunal. I urge your governments to do the same. A large investigative staff will be needed to bring the perpetrators to justice.

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